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1. THE TURKISH PRESS APPEARED UNANIMOUS THURSDAY MORNING IN SUPPORTING THE GOT'S RESORT TO ARMS IN CYPRUS. EDITORIALS IN MANY PAPERS ECHOED THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT EARLY WEDNESDAY CASTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BREAKDOWN OF THE GENEVA TALKS ON THE GREEKS.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN DECLEARED IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL: "IF THE GREEK DELEGATION HADN'T DELAYED AND DETAINED FOR DAYS THE SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO FIND A SOLUTION AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE AND THE UNILATERAL ACTION OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES AND THEIR MOVE TO WIDEN THE OPERATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY... "THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES ARE UNILATERALLY DETERMINED TO BRING PEACE, FREEDOM AND A NEW ORDER TO THE ISLAND AND HAVE STARTED TO CARRY THIS OUT."

3. IN THE SAME VEIN, AHMET KABAKLI, WRITING IN CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN, SAID: "THEY (THE GREEKS) TRIED TO GAIN TIME BY DELAYING THE SECOND GENEVA TALKS. GREEK WAR COUNCILS MET AT THE GREEK PENTAGON. JUST AS MR. KARAMANLIS WAS ENJOYING THE DREAM OF BECOMING A GREEK CONQUEROR, THE TURKISH ARMY
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DESCENDED LIKE USEFUL RAIN UPON A COUNTRY WHICH HAD

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BECOME PARCHED FROM CRUELTY."

4. ABDI IPEKCI, WRITING IN MODERATE MILLIYET, RAISED THE QUESTION OF ADVERSE WORLD REACTION TO THE APPARENT HASTE OF TURKEY'S RESORT TO MILITARY ACTION. "THERE IS NO DOUBT", SAID IPEKCI, "THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO CONSIDERED THESE QUESTIONS...THE FACT THAT THE DECISION WAS TAKEN IN SPITE OF EVERY RISK IT MAY BRING SHOWS THAT THERE WERE IMPORTANT CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DID NOT PERMIT ANY FURTHER LOSS OF TIME."

5. SOME WRITERS IN WEDNESDAY EDITIONS ACCUSED GREECE AND BRITAIN OF BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES ON THE ISLAND, FORCING TURKEY'S HAND. WRITING IN LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET, ILHAN SELCUK DECLARED THAT IN RESPONSE TO TURKEY'S EFFORTS IN GENEVA TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, "THE ANSWER TO THIS DESIRE BY THE TWO STATES AT THE OTHER END OF THE TABLE WAS MILITARY CONCENTRATION ON THE ISLAND. TO SIT, STAND STILL AND WAIT WOULD HAVE MEANT SURRENDER TO THOSE WHO HAD SHOWN ILL WILL."
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